

# Madison County BOH Training

April 15, 2008, 5:00 PM—7:00 PM

## PARTICIPANTS

### **Board Members**

- Douglas B. Young, DVM
- Doug Walsh, Superintendent of Ennis School District #52
- Mary Beth Walsh
- Cindy Sharp, M.D.
- Sarah Googe, M.D. Health Officer

### **Others**

- Marilyn Ross, County Commissioner
- Dave Schultz, County Commissioner
- Jim Hart, County Commissioner
- Jill Marie Steeley, Lead Local PH Official
- Molly Peterson, Public Health Nurse

### **PHSD Staff**

- Jane Smilie
- Jim Murphy
- Judy Garrity

## DISCUSSION

- Questions were raised regarding the clean indoor air act. Jane mentioned that this will be less of an issue in October when certain establishments are no longer exempt. Jane will have a conversation with Jill about the assistance from Butte/Silverbow.
- The county sanitarian is Chair of the Board. Jane and Jim pointed out that this arrangement could compromise Board oversight and due process on certain issues. Opinion of the County Attorney would be most helpful.
- Questions were raised about who to contact regarding alcohol abuse and underage drinking. Jane responded that the Addictive and Mental Disorders Division of DPHHS could respond to program-related questions and the Attorney General's office could respond to law enforcement-related issues.
- Case study discussion underscored the importance of: 1) making sure that the County Attorney is aware of and supports Board procedures; 2) assuring that the Health Officer has the backing of the Board.
- A question was raised regarding the immunity of the Board. Jane responded that immunity is limited. Check with the County Attorney.

- The case study underscored the importance of strong relationships with adjacent counties. Madison County experiences large population movements by season (for example a Primal Quest event will be held in Madison and four other counties in June with large numbers of international competitors).

## FEEDBACK

### **What worked well?**

- Really liked the entire presentation
- Presentation style
- Logical, organized presentation defining a Board's purpose and responsibilities
- Well organized
- Felt informal but very much to the point
- Very professionally done with good information
- Material was excellent
- Though information was prefaced as possibly "elementary" to some, I felt it was VERY informative and well presented
- Good information on the legal authority of the BOH
- Responsibilities of Boards
- Length and content of program just right!
- Case Study
- Relationships between functional knowledgeable Board and Health Officer
- Board duties
- Relationships with other entities and counties
- Great meal!

### **What could work better?**

- Would like to know more about what the Board should be discussing and reviewing at teach meeting (e.g. subdivisions, etc.)
- More examples of "how" the process works—using case examples
- Could involve "local" board and how it works with state
- Can't really think of anything to change
- Power point presentation might help as well as getting information out to Board members prior to the meeting. This would allow for a review of the material prior to the meeting as well as allow for additional questions and the ability to invite others who may need to hear what their role is (sanitarians, police, etc.)
- No downside
- Can't think of anything. GREAT!